

## LEVEES BREAK—CITY IS SWEEP AWAY BY FLOOD.

New Orleans, La., May 4.—All Louisiana is being devastated by the Mississippi flood.

The town of Bayou Sara, 20 miles above Baton Rouge, the capital of the state, was swept away yesterday. No one knows how many lives were lost.

The levees about Baton Rouge are fast weakening. They may go out at any moment.

The people of Melville have fled from their homes. Even New Orleans is threatened. Workmen are guarding the levees at the foot of Canal st., the chief business thoroughfare. The waters there are lapping the dikes.

The streets of Bayou Sara are under 25 feet of water today. The levees broke yesterday. A great sheet of water, 300 feet wide, swept into the city and carried everything before it.

Men and women ran wildly from their homes, carrying their children in their arms, and fled for the high lands. Some took to boats and were picked up and carried miles by the crest of the flood.

Couriers rode through the surrounding country, warning the farmers, who drove their livestock toward high ground in a panic.

Special trains were being run between New Orleans and Baton Rouge yesterday. Today the railroads were forced to abandon all traffic.

Five million acres of the best

lands in Louisiana are under water.

Washington, May 4.—Representative Broussard of Louisiana to-day induced the War Department to order 10,000 rations sent to the starving victims of the Mississippi flood in his state.

## RIGHT FOR ONCE



Mr. Jawyer: I'm always in the wrong.

Mrs. Jawyer: No, you're right for once when you admit you're always wrong.

## COMPARISON

Hank—Any skunks up your way, Gill?

Gill—Not since that new city boarder came. He smokes them cigaroots and I calculate they couldn't stand the smell.

Every cloud has a silver lining and every ball fence has a knot hole.